

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kouki FUKUI

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Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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NONCOMBUSTIBLE INSULATING DUCT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 8 as follows.

8. (Amended) A noncombustible insulating duct according to Claim 1, wherein the insulating material is noncombustible insulating fiber, such as glass wool and rock wool.

Kindly add new claims 9-14 as follows.

9. (New) A noncombustible insulating duct according to Claim 2, wherein the insulating material is noncombustible insulating fiber, such as glass wool and rock wool.

10. (New) A noncombustible insulating duct according to Claim 3, wherein the insulating material is noncombustible insulating fiber, such as glass wool and rock wool.

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